Fires are raging up and down the west coast, raining down ash, forcing evacuations, literally obliterating whole towns and leading to the unprecedented action of the United State Forest Service closing all 18 National Forests within California. California currently has more than 20 wildfires raging with 3 of the 5 biggest fires in the history of state occurring right now. The August Complex, a collection of 37 fires burning up Glen, Lake, Mendocino, Tehama and Trinity Counties, holds #1 on this size list at a whopping 471,185 acres. As of September 10, that incident was 24% contained.

By Lunch
WOUNDED AGAIN
Foundation pulls commitment to NWWC

In a press release issued last Friday, the Mammoth Lakes Foundation Board of Directors said it will not proceed with a land lease or other agreement for the proposed National Wounded Warrior Center (NWWC) project currently spearheaded by Disabled Sports Eastern Sierra (DSES).

The proposed project, as originally conceived, was to be constructed on two acres of land owned by the Mammoth Lakes Foundation in close proximity to Mammoth's Cerro Coso Community College campus. Mammoth Lakes Foundation Board Chair Luan Mendel said the vote not to proceed was unanimous.

The decision comes as an unexpected and significant blow to Kathy Copeland, Executive Director of DSES, who neverthless vowed to press on. “It’s time to regroup and ask the community for a new location - either in renovation of an existing hotel or a new land site. We’re still poised and ready to go. These men and women (Wounded Warriors) need us more than ever.”

DSES has raised $11.7 million towards construction of the NWWC. In Friday’s press release, longtime MLF Board member Gary Myers is quoted as saying, “As a member of the MLF Board and a steward of its land I am unconfined that this project will further our mission. I believe the project is very well intended and has honorable merit, but I don’t believe its successful outcome depends on the donation of this land.”

Melding mission and project has always been a challenge in see NWWC, page 4

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AN EVOLUTIONARY TALE

The original plan was to drive up to Florence Lake and do 4 days backpacking to Sapphire Lake through Evolution Valley. I think it was 26 miles both ways,” said Lance Haidet of San Luis Obispo, 22, a professional cyclist who was on a once in a lifetime backpacking trip from September 4-7.

If Haidet had kept to the original plan, he’d be dead.

Haidet was out backpacking with his dad, Sean, and two other family friends, Kevit Petit and Derek Johnson in the Sierra last week as the Creek Fire began to grow. They started at Florence Lake, where one takes a ferry to the trailhead.

“We hiked 18 miles that first day to Evolution Lake,” said Haidet. “We might have pushed it pretty hard because some guys had blisters and wanted a little more rest.” After a good night’s sleep, the group decided to pack daypacks and do some exploring/scouting rather than continue hiking to Sapphire Lake.

“We woke up Sunday Morning (9/6) and the Ranger was already at the camp. He told us that the fire had grown to 80,000 acres and we were going to have to leave soon because it was about to get really smoky,” said Haidet.

This idea of perception versus reality kept coming up. The danger from the fire is essentially binary, they are either at risk of being burned up or they weren’t, but Haidet and his group’s perspective of this danger was entirely up to their imagination. “I mean it took the ranger overnight to get this intel and [the fire] is 10 miles away,” said Haidet. His point: We had no idea the danger we were in, if any at all.

They started their 12-14 mile trek to North Lake and pretty quickly ran into a group of six Cal Poly students. After multiple rounds of questioning and pressing Haidet, it was

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The scene from one of two fatal car accidents this week. For the summary courtesy of CHP, see page 3.
LOSERS AND SUCKERS

I think the above phrase represents the most difficult aspect for me regarding the current zeitgeist.

Because there is no doubt in my mind that that’s the language President Trump used to describe fallen U.S. soldiers buried in foreign cemeteries thousands of miles from home.

Now, it’s my guess that Trump - he’s careless with his language. He probably doesn’t quite feel that way. He was probably just tired that day and didn’t feel like making a ceremonial visit to a historical battleground. More than likely, he just wanted to stay home between appearances and watch the Price is Right (Jeopardy and Wheel of Fortune are too tiring).

But he said it. A professional reporter verified the story. Even Fox News corroborated the story.

And yet, when I engaged in casual conversation with a good friend of mine this week, he kind of shrugged and said something to the effect of, “Well, maybe he said it. And maybe he didn’t.”

And that encapsulates the impact Mr. Trump has had on my profession. On the one hand, my friend is absolutely correct. None of us were there. We don’t really know. Those inclined to like Mr. Trump believe his denials. Those inclined to dislike Mr. Trump believe he is a complete narcissist and doesn’t give a damn about anyone but himself. Of course he said it.

The same way he belittled heroic POW John McCain by saying he liked soldiers who didn’t get captured.

I’ve never understood this absolute allegiance to and identification with figureheads. How people choose sides and get so wrapped up in their rooting interest that they can’t take a wider, more dispassionate view.

A lot of folks press me to defend Trump’s challenger for the White House, Joe Biden, a man who’s been in public life for fifty years, and a man, admittedly, who is past his prime.

Frankly, I find it refreshing that Mr. Biden is flawed and doesn’t feel like making a ceremonial visit to a historical battleground. More than likely, he just wanted to stay home between appearances and watch the Price is Right (Jeopardy and Wheel of Fortune are too tiring).

But back out. And what I realized is, the words of a President, even a lousy President, matter. They can take you to war, they can bring peace, they can make the market rise, they can make it fall. But they can also give hate oxygen.”

- Joe Biden

In regard to the great deleveraging at the Mammoth Lakes Foundation...

At a certain point, you wonder why an organization even exists.

As long as Dave McCoy was around, he was the Foundation’s champion. Its reason for being. And I always thought of Dave as our local St. Jude, not necessarily our patron saint of lost causes so much as our patron saint of the underdog.

Dave loved vets. If he hadn’t suffered a horrendous skiing injury which disqualified him from service, he would’ve been a vet. When Kathy Copeland came to the Foundation hat in hand looking for help with the Wounded Warrior Center project, he advised those in his circle to “see what could be done.”

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Principal questions:

What’s the vision? How is that vision achieved?

What sort of financial backing is the McCoy family committed to make? If the NWWC is off the table, what would be the plan for that land?

The rock and a hard place I see for the Foundation right now is that soliciting donations would be a hard sell.

Just even maintaining the building and a skeletal staff probably costs $150,000/year baseline.

And the Foundation is giving out maybe $25,000/year in scholarships - at least in hard money. There’s other stuff obviously that the Foundation contributes in terms of housing.

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it. You don’t know when Covid will allow you to do events.

But if I’m a prospective donor and I do the math above and realize that only ~15 cents out of every dollar is really trickling towards the intended target (students), that’s a tough sell.”

I’ve never heard of an organization cutting itself to prosperity. The Foundation has cut its arts program (Shira Dubrovner) and now its tie to the Wounded Warrior (Kathy Copeland), and

If you’d asked me at the start of 2020 who are the five most dynamic people in Mammoth Lakes, Dubrovner and Copeland would have been on that list.

As a community, it feels like we are, figuratively speaking, eating our young. Eating our passion, our promise, our seed corn, our future.

The McCoy progeny – they’re gone. They’ve taken their riches elsewhere. The Foundation is nothing but a Zombie corporation at this point.

Rusty Gregory – gone. Taken his riches elsewhere.

6-7 years of recent economic surplus? We’ve sent that to Sacramento ad agencies and marketing consultants and the rest.

When I spoke to Kathy Copeland this week, I told her she’d be better off taking her project down the hill to the community of Bishop. Because there’s still a community of Bishop.

I don’t know what Mammoth is right now. That would be a fair assignment to the current crop of Mammoth Council candidates. Please explain what Mammoth is to me. I haven’t a clue.

A letter for this week...

Shut it down

Dear Editor:

Yesterday was a break in the smoke so my wife and I decided to get outside. We figured why not pick up trash and we decided on the Scenic Loop area, specifically the area where many people camp. We picked up a fair amount of trash but no big deal. What was a big deal was the incredible number of illegal campfires. There were over a dozen just in one area. This is just right next to our town. As it is just outside the town limits, I can see why our police have no jurisdiction. But somebody must have. There weren’t even any signs to warn people that campfires are illegal even though this is obviously a highly used camp area. This struck both my wife and I as rather scary given the high fire danger.

I love camping and I appreciate those that love camping out in the forest. But how do we prevent a catastrophe from illegal fires?

Tom Gaunt
Mammoth Lakes

I’ve been looking through the archives of late. Amazingly, I actually backed up a lot of stuff that I thought I had lost in the Round Fire. I found the following editorial interesting because it stands in such stark contrast to the monoploy culture we have in town now in regard to services.

From Sept. 4, 2010:

“There’s a new Ally Bank ad on television which shows a man in a suit operating an ice cream stand.

A little red-haired kid sitting nearby asks the man, “Can I have some ice cream, please?”

“No, it’s just for new people,” says the suit. Another kid comes bounding into the picture and the suit immediately gives him a chocolate ice cream cone.

“Yeah, but I’m new, too,” says the red-haired boy who didn’t get any.

“He’s new … er,” replies the suit.

Locally, there are a lot of propane customers who’ve been feeling like the little redhead kid, lately.

A reader sent me the following email this week:

“I am currently a Turner Propane customer and pay $3.29 per gallon at this moment, versus the midwinter price of $4.05 per gallon I paid last winter. Of course, if you have the means, you can pre-buy 1,000 gallons right now for $3.10/gallon cash or check or $3.15 with a credit card.

I decided to call Amerigas to see what they would offer a potential customer and found out that their startup plan would be to waive the tank fee of $75 per year for the first year. In addition, the first 100 gallons are free, the next month is priced at $1.99/gallon and the next year at $2.99/gallon. As an established customer of Amerigas, you would pay your $75 tank fee and could do a pre-buy of any amount at $2.99, but I’m not yet sure of the regular price.

This then prompted me to have my neighbor call Turner as a potential new customer and they said they would waive the $78 tank fee for the first year and charge $2.79 a gallon per year.”

“As a point of reference, I live in Swall Meadows and am an Eastern Sierra Propane customer. My current price is $2.68/gallon. The winter pre-buy price is $2.99/gallon.

Withholding my reader’s name, I then approached both Turner Propane and Amerigas looking for comment. This is what I got.

Turner Propane District Manager Jim Miller emphasized his company’s commitment to safety and service.

One of those services, for example, is digging out snow-covered tanks. Though this is technically the customer’s responsibility (for those who have their own individual tanks), Turner has never charged to do it. AmeriGas charges $15.

Miller also noted that Turner has spent $600,000 over the past few years automating its meters so customers will be billed based upon real reads as opposed to estimates.

Turner’s service, which Miller said includes more personnel on the ground in Mammoth, faster response times and thorough safety checks, is reflected in its prices, which he acknowledged as being slightly higher than AmeriGas.

AmeriGas’s local Sales and Service Manager Jeff Pahlow said AmeriGas requires no pre-buy minimum (Turner requires a 1,000 gallon minimum). His regular customers are currently paying $2.90/gallon right now.

The deal for new customers outlined in the letter quoted above is still valid. Pahlow acknowledged that the new customer incentives tend to create a game of “musical tanks.”

Sheet: Say someone left to get Turner’s new customer deal this year. Would you give them the new customer deal if they decided to return to AmeriGas next year? Pahlow: Yes, provided their account was in good standing when they left.

“It’s a game [slashing prices to battle for the new customer] that gets ridiculous,” said Miller. “You don’t want a new customer bouncing back and forth every year,” he added. It creates a lot of busy work.

Both Pahlow and Miller say it’s worth a customer’s time to consult with his/her existing provider first before making a switch. “If we find our pricing’s out of line, we’ll match [what’s out there],” said Pahlow.

Switiching providers may also subject one to “restock” fees. What this essentially means is that your existing company may charge you to pump the gas out of the tank you are removing.

As to the car accidents. A 62-year old Bishop man driving a 2003 Subaru perished in a one-vehicle accident on September 6. Drifted off the road driving south on Sherwin Grade. A second fatal occurred in Death Valley on SR-190 two miles east of SR-136. 22-year old male from Bakersfield also allowed his vehicle to drift off the road. His passenger, 31-year old Micheal Black of Bakersfield, survived. Be vigilant out there. Easy to space out these days with all the crap going on in the world ...

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CARLSBAD TO THE BONUS
By Page

To say that winter this year is going to look different would be an understatement. The Covid-19 tourism landscape remains relatively unknown, although indicators point to an increased desire to get out of cities and head to the mountains.

While Mammoth Mountain’s plans for the upcoming winter remain unknown, Mammoth Lakes Tourism announced some changes to its winter outlook at Thursday’s board meeting. JetSuiteX got the boot for the upcoming season; the replacement charter airline is Advanced Air, based out of Hawthorne Airport in Los Angeles. Advanced currently has a presence at Mammoth Yosemite Airport and has for some time.

The primary driver for the change in operators: JetSuiteX would have had Mammoth Lakes Tourism on the hook for a $600,000 air subsidy cap.

By contrast, Mammoth Lakes Tourism Executive Director John Urdi estimated that the United Flights from LA, San Francisco, and Denver, would see a decrease in available seats across the board as schedules are pared down. The total subsidy hit for this coming season is estimated at $686,000.

The board voted unanimously to approve the air service options, with Foster abstaining.

Next up: the board’s annual review of Urdi’s performance. Urdi scored a 7.6/10 on the review, somewhere between Exceeds Expectations and Significantly exceeds expectations, according to review committee member Rhonda Duggan.

Urdi scored high marks in financial management, business results, and some aspects of organizational ability while perceptions of his marketing plan were slightly lower. Community/business outreach and interaction was the lowest scoring category on the review. Some success highlighted included the MLT food bank, pre-Covid revenues/earnings and a quick pivot during Covid, all things that Urdi mentioned in his self-review.

For areas of improvement, board members pointed to outward communications, with one noting “We all need to do whatever we can to eliminate the Us vs Them mentality that is fostering right now. Open Dialogue, transparency, and really listening to the business community is more important than ever.”

Urdi informed the board that he had already forgone a bonus for FY 19-20, a sentiment that the committee agreed with.

“To be clear,” the committee noted in its report, “this is in no way a negative reflection of John’s performance over the past 12 months. These are extraordinary circumstances requiring a different lens.”

CARLSBAD TO THE BONUS

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the MLF/NWWC marriage.

As former MLF Executive Director Evan Russell told The Sheet this week, for the partnership to work, it was predicated upon veterans being in Mammoth for long-term stays and enrolling at the college. But the Foundation Board expressed no public reservations about “mission clash” — until now.

In fact, the Foundation has been touting its partnership with DSES for years. Heck, it was one of (a recent) former Executive Director Rich Boccia’s go-to applause lines.

Kathy Copeland acknowledged that the college doesn’t have a lot of curriculum which fits the veteran population, but, she maintained, “they never said we’d need 100% enrollment.”

Copeland estimates DSES spent countless hours of staff time, spent money on an architect … many resources were tapped figuring out how to make the site and program work.

Reading between the lines: So if Gary Myers is unconvinced the project would further the mission, it would have helped if he’d expressed that unequivocally six or seven years ago.

Would’ve saved a lot of time, energy and heartache.

But Dave McCoy has passed on. Covid has arrived. And the Foundation is apparently feeling the pinch.

Earlier this year, the Foundation similarly jettisoned Artistic Director Shira Dubrow, its cultural programming and Mammoth Lakes Repertory Theater.

“My dad’s legacy of supporting higher education and the arts in the Eastern Sierra must remain the focus of the Foundation,” said Gary McCoy, MLF Board President and son of Dave and Roma McCoy in the press release. “The limited land owned by the Foundation is not only intended to provide for the longevity of the Foundation, but for the greatest possible overall benefit to the local community as outlined in the MLF mission statement.”

And as Luan Mendel pointed out this week, “support” of higher education and the arts does not mean “produce” or “provide.”

“We have a whole donor base which doesn’t care about the cultural enrichment aspect,” she elaborated. “They want the higher education component.

A goal of the Foundation moving forward, she said, is to endure scholarships so as to help students finish their educations once they move on from Cerro Coso.

According to the Foundation’s press release, “The Mammoth Lakes Foundation is currently supporting 36 students pursuing degrees and certificates at Cerro Coso this fall semester, as well as providing partial housing scholarships to several students residing in the South Gateway Apartments.”

Mendel estimates that the Foundation spends about $1,000 apiece on these 36 students.

Kathy Copeland plans to explore options with Inyo County representatives in the coming week.
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finally revealed that this was the group's first backpacking trip and they were less than prepared for ... most things. They had parked at Florence Lake as well and were told they couldn't leave that way. They were terrified. Three members of the party were crying.

So the group, now 10 strong, started their escape. It began with four miles on the John Muir Trail going South. Then they cut up towards Darwin Bench and passed Darwin Lakes. Sometime in the early afternoon, the group met up with four guys going to college in southern California and two girls from San Francisco.

The experience levels of these groups were hard to pin down, but it seemed clear that the Haidets, Petit and Johnson were easily the most adept backpackers out there.

So they carried on. "It was about four in the afternoon and we had a 2,000-foot ascent up to 13,000 feet (top of Lamarck Col). There was no trail, just using your hands and feet to climb up these rocks," said Haidet.

"We got to the top at about 6 o'clock and it was 35 degrees, crazy smoky and crazy windy. We had to climb down a 300-400 foot snow drift with huge granite rocks all over. People were starting to experience altitude sickness (it was 13,000-foot elevation) and we had already had a 9-hour day."

They passed by Lamarck Lake which was the first source of water in quite some time, and the group realized it only had a couple more miles before it would reach North Lake. The temperature was lower than they would have liked and the smoke was starting to pick up so they decided to finish the final leg.

"Smoke was really starting to build up and the area was super ashy," said Haidet describing the last leg which involved a passage through a 'wind tunnel' before the final descent. "There were at least 20 mph winds blowing the gnarliest pieces of ash. Luckily we had masks but our eyes were burning. It was intense."

The group had finally made it to North Lake. All 16 of them approached the lake around 11 p.m. with headlamps on and covered in ash.

So let’s recount: three mile ferry ride in, 18 mile hike, a day of exploring, then the fire quadruples in size overnight forcing a mad dash to escape. And what was that escape? Four miles on the JMT going South, then cut off the JMT to go to Darwin Bench, climb up a little more (at Darwin’s bench), traverse the four Darwin Lakes, then they start getting off trail and from the fourth darwin lake you climb up Lamarck Col and then drop down backside to upper lamarck lake before the final drop down to North lake.

"A fourteen hour day with 5,000 feet of ascent, and 6,000 feet of descent," said Haidet recounting the day from hell, "We spent the day traversing the Sierra."

"It is weird when your original plans are no longer the plan," said Haidet, "Like our cars and IDs and credit cards. We still don’t know when we are going to be up there to get that stuff." It was later that the group learned that more than 200 people had been evacuated by helicopter and the entire Inyo National Forest had closed down. Apparently they were pretty much safe as soon as they left Evolution Valley.

They didn’t know that at the time but it would’ve been a relief to know. The 16 backpackers escaped with a story. And some lessons learned. When The Sheet asked Haidet what his take-away from the whole experience was, Haidet responded, "Always remember to bring Dr. Scholl’s moleskin."
Jose Garcia throws his hat in the ring for Bishop City Council

By Page

After a career in healthcare interpretation, Jose Garcia has opted to take on a new challenge: running for Bishop City Council.

Garcia is running for one of three council seats up for grabs this November. He faces incumbents Jim Ellis and Chris Costello along with newcomer Karen Kong.

Born and raised in Mexico City, Garcia initially worked as a dentist, operating a private clinic in his hometown. He moved to Bishop in 1989 when he accepted an invitation from relatives living in town to move here for a few months before returning to Mexico and his dental practice.

Back then, Garcia says, “people in Bishop made me feel welcome, made me feel like I was part of the community.”

A few months became a few years. By that point he was married with children and decided to put down roots for good.

He worked as a language instructor teaching Spanish before becoming a medical interpreter, an occupation that perfectly suited his language skills and medical background.

He previously served as president of the California Healthcare Interpreters Association while volunteering for the Inyo Council of the Arts and serving as advisor to the Latino Club at Bishop Union High School.

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8-year Bishop resident Karen Kong is taking a stab at local politics. She is running for Bishop’s Council against incumbents Chris Costello and Jim Ellis and fellow challenger Jose Garcia this November.

Kong, 52, is currently employed by the Inyo County Office of Education (ICOE). It (entering local politics) is something she’s contemplated for a long time - or ever since she filmed Council meetings for the now-defunct Channel 12 news. That was just one stop in Kong’s varied career, which has included stints as a carwasher at Kustom Kars, a job in the office at Perry Motors, Channel 12, Wild Iris (Grant Writer), 11 years at Inyo County Health and Human Services and now ICOE.

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Kong says she did not enter this race because she has a particular point of view and/or pet project she wishes to push.

A lot of what motivates her simply stems from watching the process for the past two decades while working for public agencies.

“In dealing with government, there’s a tendency towards being reactive.” i.e. wait until there’s a problem you can no longer ignore, and then deal with it.

Kong would prefer to be proactive, for example, by acknowledging the changing nature of demographics in Bishop (younger people and families) and addressing the changes the city may need to make to serve its evolving constituency.

“When I moved here, Bishop was a retirement community. It’s not the same, sleepy town. We can’t continue to pretend that it is.”

Kong says her observation of a changing Bishop is not merely anecdotal.

“Look at school enrollments. Look at preschool data. Look at the voter rolls.”

When asked what the current Council has done right, Kong said, “I’m thrilled with the past year, and the emphasis the City has placed on competing for grant funds and working on a Downtown Bishop plan.”

What frustrates her about Council: “Few are willing to state their opinions and then really talk about those opinions openly. I hear a lot of hemming and hawing.”

We then asked her the following questions to see if Kong would hem and haw. She did not.

Sheet: Do you support having marijuana dispensaries within city limits?

Kong: No. It’s not necessary. a.) Because people can grow their own if they choose, and b.) There are two located within a short bike/car ride to the Rite-Aid mall. “I’m not sure [being a pitstop/potstop] is what we want to represent ourselves as.”

Sheet: Does the city need its own police department?

Kong: Yes. I don’t support folding the BPD into the sheriff’s department.

Sheet: Do you support the proposed UUT (local sales tax) measure on the November ballot?

Kong: Yes. Pre-Covid, the City Manager [Ron Phillips] didn’t think we had enough in reserves.

Sheet: Is there a current Councilmember you particularly admire?

Kong: Stephen Muchovej, because he’s super pro-active and a forward thinker.

An anecdote which illustrates Kong’s independence as a thinker:

When Terry McAteer was ICOE Superintendent, he asked Kong if she would teach sex education district-wide for students in 6th-8th grades. Kong said fine, but only if you let me truly teach it.

Her general philosophy: Tell the truth, and don’t hold back if something needs to be said.

Sheet: Are you set in your ways, or are you capable of changing your mind about a subject/issue?

Kong: I’ve reinvented myself multiple times, and didn’t really feel comfortable in my own skin until I was in my 40s. A lot of that personal evolution was related to being able to change my mind and my outlook.

I work with kids with different thought processes and from different backgrounds. My goal is to help them find pieces of their truth, and help them become better.

So Kong’s job is a little bit personal detective, a little bit mentor, a little bit gatekeeper. It’s those qualities, her rapid-fire speech (she talks fast!) and her curiosity which make her a compelling candidate for public office.

Kong has been married twenty years to her husband David. To learn more, email Karen at KarenMKong@gmail.com/call 760.920.8105.
SCHOOL AT A DISTANCE

1,400 people are assigned to this fire. Structures (including homes) thus far have started blowing smoke (and possibly the worst-case scenario. On Thursday, Frank Frievalt seemed to believe the Martin and Mammoth Lakes Fire Chief, representative in Mammoth Lakes on the unified command team.

For now, Creek Fire has Mammoth Lakes on evacuation notice. Not a warning but a notice. At the same Tuesday meeting, both Martin and Mammoth Lakes Fire Chief Frank Frievalt seemed to believe the likelihood of the fire spreading this way was low primarily due to the rugged terrain it would have to traverse as well as the winds generally blowing to the south if not the northeast.

Neither ruled out the possibility, however, and said we should be prepared for the worst-case scenario. On Thursday, winds shifted ominously to the west and started blowing smoke (and possibly the fire) toward Mammoth Lakes. The Creek Fire has destroyed 361 total structures (including homes) thus far. 1,400 people are assigned to this fire.

### Slink Fire

The Slink Fire is relatively small, at roughly 23,000 acres, and fire suppression efforts have led to 36% containment. The fire’s proximity to Walker and Coleville make it noteworthy. The fire prompted the USFS to shut down the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest. It also prompted the Bureau of Land Management to issue a closure order for the fire area.

At Tuesday’s briefing in Mammoth, Frievalt told town staff, “The resources are tight. They are facing wind from the north, and the priority is keeping the Southeast portion of the fire from spreading.”

Frievalt continued, “They want to protect Coleville, Walker and the Marine Warfare Training Center.

### Sequoia Complex

Frievalt told Council that a fire “complex” is defined as a series of lightning strikes that come together to form a larger fire. This is the case for the Sequoia (or SQF) complex located about 25 miles north of Kernville. The 67,529-acre fire (12%) contained has been described as a nuisance to deal with.

“The focus is on that southwest flank of Ponderosa, near Camp Nelson,” said Deb Schweizer, the Inyo National Forest Public Affairs Specialist. “Over and over and over again we are having fire crews have to defend that line. That is where the fire wants to grow.”

“At first there weren’t a ton of resources being allocated to this fire,” said Schweizer noting that other fires in the State were affecting bigger areas and more people. But recently the fire has got its fair share of attention.

Because it continues to push south, it is not a high risk fire for Inyo/ Mono Counties. “Life and property is on the Sequoia side. They have firefighters on the Inyo side but Inyo has never been the priority.”

### Forest Closure

Schweizer heard all of the talk leading up to the forest closure and told The Sheet how it happened. “It came from the regional forester talking to forest supervisors asking the question, ‘Where is our risk?’

Schweizer said the risk of so many one way forest roads, the fact that they had to evacuate over 200 people for the Creek fire, and the relative ferocity of the Creek Fire was enough to take unprecedented action.

“I have been doing this for seven years and we have never done something like this,” said Schweizer. “I mean we closed down the forest during government shutdowns and there have been area closures. But never eighteen forests at the same time.”

“Coupled with the kind of fire we are seeing right now, we don’t need to add new risks. The fires are extremely flamable, volatile, and we don’t want to put our visitors at risk,” said Schweizer. According to Schweizer, the support for the closure has been unexpected. In a time where most issues are polarized to the extreme, people seem to be okay with shutting the forest down. “I am hearing overwhelming support for the decision to close the forest,” said Schweizer. “We can’t do anything about the lightning but we can do something about us. It says a lot about what we are experiencing out there that we closed down the forest.”

### Smoke

The smoke is something that is seriously affecting people all over the Eastside. The winds have shifted Southwest causing smoke from the Creek fire to infiltrate Mammoth Lakes while Coleville and Walker are directly adjacent to another fire.

So the general question would be; What is the health impact?

“There are three levels. If you can only see smoke it is probably okay, nut maybe not for at-risk groups. If you can smell the smoke, it is probably best to avoid prolonged exposure. If you can taste the smoke, then it is an unhealthy level,” advised Kiddoo, the Air Pollution Control Officer for the Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District (GBUAPCD).

Obviously Kiddoo was using this as a general rule of thumb. Kiddoo told the Sheet that the length of exposure, type of exposure (heavy breathing or not), and the medical conditions of a person go into the calculation of how healthy/unhealthy the smoke is.

Kiddoo told the Sheet the best thing to do is go to Gbuapcd.org, and click on the current conditions under the ‘air monitoring data’ tab. When the Sheet asked Kiddoo if people are safer inside, he essentially said maybe. “It depends on wind conditions, temperature, if the air is cool/warm. It is easier to regulate an indoor environment but as the wind changes in the day, it can oscillate.”

Kiddoo used the example of a static environment with heavy smoke outside. If the wind picks up and blows a majority of the smoke away, the outside will be healthier. And then the smoke could blow back and you are once again at square one “Unless you have an air quality monitor in your house it is impossible to know said Kiddoo. Oh also, buy an air purifier.

### Thursday update

Frank Frievalt gave the following fire update on Thursday.

The Creek Fire is the closest fire to Mammoth Lakes and is the source of the majority of the smoke impacts.

There is no current or projected evacuation order for the Town of Mammoth Lakes at this time. Based on the information we have, the fire’s “edge” is about 19 miles from town. A previous social media post indicated that spotting occurred 15 miles from town; however, this was incorrect.

There is an evacuation order within Madera County that includes the Reds Meadow area, but it is a massive “zone” which includes the town of Oakhurst. I have been in touch with Sheriff Braun to see if we can get some better granularity on that.

We will see dense smoke from this fire as long as prevailing SW winds are present. If you have sensitivity to smoke, know that these conditions may persist for some time.

While the fire has a long way to travel here, and must cross some significant barriers, it has already displayed extreme fire behavior and we are giving it our full and complete attention. If, over the next few days, conditions on the ground pass our decision points, early notification will be issued through Mono County Code Red Alert system, and also through a program that will send a text to your cell phone if it is connecting to a cell tower in the impacted area.

The Town of Mammoth Lakes public information officer will be providing relevant information, similar to the way winter storm, red flag, and other weather emergencies are communicated. Information will be updated frequently regarding the Creek Fire on the Town Website under the News Flash section on the homepage.
HARTLEY’S NFL PREVIEW
Not even Covid can stop Patrick Mahomes

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TALE OF THE TAPE(WORM)

Loneliness, failure, and utter indifference abound in Winnipeg

By Page

The title “Tapeworm” brings to mind unpleasant thoughts. That’s undeniable. And while it’s true that the film, featured in this year’s Mammoth Lakes Film Festival (held online September 16-20), has some unpleasant and/or nauseating moments, the film only touches briefly on its literal namesake. That is not to say that it’s a lighthearted, enjoyable film. In truth, its deeply melancholy and at times extremely hard to watch.

Tapeworm unravels in vignettes that focus on a core group of characters living in Winnipeg, Manitoba. Each of the characters is lonely or isolated in some way; a man whose wife refuses to speak to him, a mother who tries in vain to connect with her son, a couple whose relationship is cursory and superficial, a man whose wife refuses to speak to him, a couple whose relationship is cursory and superficial,

These characters find each other in Winnipeg that there can still be compassion in a world that has lost all interest in their fates. The audience watches as their souls are slowly crushed. Yet, they persist. In an interview with filmatique.com, director Fabian Velasco noted “I’ve always been more interested in those who don’t succeed but keep trying anyway. In this case even though none of them necessarily have a traditional goal or ambition, living their lives every day is already trying enough.”

As much as the filmmakers focus on isolation, they give ample time to relationships and how disconnected people can become from one another, even when they share a home.

A prime example is the first scene that focuses on the superficial young lovers from the opening scene as they share a bath.

Woman: “Do you love me?”
Man: “No.”
Woman: “Do you love me?”
Man: “No.”
Woman: “Would you come if it was far away?”
Man: “Like how far?”
Woman: “Far. you have to come by plane.”

A later scene has the man bringing home and hanging a flag that he bought for their apartment; he’s met with muted responses from his girlfriend, quick smiles before she returns to browsing on her phone. His enthusiasm quickly fades.

Tapeworm is undoubtedly sad. You feel for the characters as they struggle to exist in a world that has lost all interest in them; they are, or soon become, resigned to their fates. The audience watches as their souls are slowly crushed.

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There are some small joys hidden in the bleakness of Winnipeg and those moments, though fleeting, can feel like a triumph.

Tapeworm doesn’t feel like a movie so much as a play, with clear-cut scenes and intense moments. The camera stays close on the actors faces. It’s an intimate and jarring experience, performed by a mix of professionals and amateurs.

Which feels like the point; the lives that are depicted in movies are often glamorous, filled with action and romance. Tapeworm shows the human experience as it often is, monotonous, painful, and lonely. It resonates simply because the characters feel so dreadfully human. The humor fits as well; there are times when you can’t help but laugh at the characters’ predicaments.

At an hour and fifteen minutes, Tapeworm is over relatively quickly, which some audience members may find a relief. It’s an exacting and difficult film.

Although the film is not rated, it feels like an R rating. Showtime: Sept. 20 @ 3 p.m. More festival info: www.mammothlakesfilmfestival.com

REVIVE
Programa de Subvenciones Para Pequeñas Empresas

¿Es Usted una pequeña empresa afectada por COVID-19 que necesita asistencia?

Aplique antes de las 5 pm del 18 de Septiembre www.inyocounty.us
Feather and Pine
Documenting life in a small logging community in northern California
By Hite

Feather and Pine, directed by Michael James Beck and Star Rosencrans, is a documentary feature film that aims to capture the essence of the lumber industry in Quincy, California, and surrounding communities as it evolves through the 21st century and the 2008 stock crash.

That would be the tidy summary of what the story is. But the reason you’ll want to watch this movie is to feel the intricacies of how that story is told. Beck and Rosencrans tell it through a uniquely spliced together series of images and videos of people that live in these areas.

It has sparse narration. And occasional dialogue between subjects, but this movie feels like a meditation. The ambiance that Beck and Rosencrans create feels purposeful and powerful at the same time. It is hard to describe, but you start to feel like you are on the same page as the people you’re watching.

This feeling comes from a lot of different parts working in synchronization. One is the pace. The film begins with a 2-3 minute compilation of 30-45 second long shots of lumber workers doing their job. The monotony of what you are watching launches you into a spectacular array of thoughts trying to tell the stories of the characters you are watching. It forces you to think at a pace that the characters inhabit.

This is before any dialogue occurs. And when the dialogue kicks in, it consistently adds information, but it is not linear. The first word uttered describes the history of the Fair in the area. Then there is a shot of a classroom and the teacher giving a relatively standard lecture. Dialogue that has no context but still provides value.

For this reason, the movie feels as if you’re looking at a painting by looking at 1/16th of the painting every five minutes. You look at every piece and by the end you have a mental image of the painting, but it only looks as good as your mind makes it.

You start to understand how you feel about halfway through the movie and then the second half of the movie is spent wondering whether you got it right.

And finally, there is the actual filming of this documentary. It is slow, it lingers, and it ruminates on its subjects. It provides an emotional backdrop allowing you to properly experience life in small mountain towns relying on the lumber industry.

The movie is … melancholy. As you can imagine, the lumber industry is not experiencing the best of times. Automation and many other external factors threaten this way of life, a way of life that these communities have lived for generations. Over and over, they introduce themselves as, “I am a third generation Sawyer” or “My family has been in the lumber industry for over 100 years.”

What is the takeaway? There is none. Feather and Pine feels like a nostalgic trip into your home movie set. Watching moments play out in their rawest form, in a way that is specific to the time and place they were shot. It shows the people in the lumber history living their lives exactly as they are.

The long, ruminating, shots of workers cutting wood. Or a somewhat distraught collection of coverage of a local rodeo, which includes a boxing match and a wood cutting contest. Or just the shots of the wilderness spliced together with the towns in which these people reside.

All of it attempts to create a feeling of living in the shoes of these people. Not necessarily their emotions but rather their way of life. Feather and Pine manages to capture this way of life, creating a proper time capsule of an industry that might soon be forgotten.

It will be screened at next weekend’s virtual Mammoth Lakes Film Festival on Friday, September 18 at 8 p.m. Visit www.mammothlakesfilmfestival.com for further information.
Mammoth Spa Creations is looking for an armor & tattoo maker. We currently have an immediate opening for a spa Maintenance Technician position, which is a Full Time Position (Monday through Friday). These positions offer vacation accrual, benefits and paid holidays. Experience is preferred, but not required. Heavy lifting is required. Please call 760-924-3091 or stop on the store located at 1401 Tavern Road for more information and to pick up an application. Applications can be e-mailed to mammothspas@aol.com.

Mammoth Taxi is accepting resumes for experienced drivers with great customer service and clean driving records. We are also looking for office staff for the right person with great organizational skills and customer service background. Please inquire with Scottie at 760-914-7433. www.mammoth-taxi.com.

Sierra Employment Services, Inc. is hiring for the following positions:

- Cust Screener B - $15.75
- Retail Clerk B - $13
- Bilingual Lab Asst ML - $15 - 18
- General Laborers ML & B - $15 - 20
- Tow Truck Drivers - 4 years & $1000 Sign On Bonus

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www.SierraEmployment.com

Mammoth Lakes for more information and to apply. It is located at 10400 Minaret Road.

Vacasa is hiring out and part time housekeepers in Mammoth Lakes/June Lake with pay starting at $12/hr. To apply call 760-914-7433. www.Vacasa.com/careers.

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Reservation/Office Assistant wanted for a full time, full time basis. Position is full-time, year round position. Workdays are Monday through Friday (Saturday/Sunday off days). Responsibilities include but are not limited to booking condo reservations, responding to email inquiries, maintaining guest information with rental guests and condo owners. Slow season we do condo condition reports to ready for the winter season. Expect to have excellent customer service skills, computer literacy, with good working knowledge of Microsoft Word and Excel. Bring resume to rental office at 853 Canyon Blvd in Mammoth Lakes or email to dweston@stuantoncondos.com.

The Alpenhof Lodge is accepting applications for full-time and part-time, year round positions. Flexible hours for front desk, maintenance and housekeeping positions are available. Applicants must be available to work weekends and holidays. Housing available to the right individual. Please apply in person at 6080 Minaret Rd, Mammoth.

Town of Mammoth Lakes Open Positions:

- Town of Mammoth Lakes is looking for dedicated people with experience in snow removal, street maintenance, and/or construction to join our dedicated Public Works Department. Permanent and temporary positions are available.

- Public Works Mainenance Worker $43,258 - $60,870 + competitive benefits

Temporary Airport Maintenance Worker $24.54 - $28.41/hr, CDL required. Temporary position for snow maintenance worker $24.54 - $28.41/hr, CDL preferred but not required. Position will be filled asap. For more information and to apply, visit www.townofmammothlakes.ca.gov, or call (760) 965 3605.

- Convict Lake Resort has immediate job openings for maintenance personnel, grounds keepers and store personnel. Please send resumes to lcornwell@convictlake.com or stop by for an application.

- Convict Lake Resort is hiring a full-time Janitor for cleaning and maintenance.

- Laundry Attendant at High Mountain Services (HMS) HMS, located in Mammoth Lakes, is seeking Full-Time laundry attendants. We offer flexible work hours, and will train the right candidate for $14 an hour. Must be able to lift up to 50 lbs, maintain a fast pace while multi-tasking, follow instructions, be safety conscious, trustworthy, and work well in a team environment. You will be required to wear a face mask and Gina, 22, was looking for a job in that chapter. It’s a meaningful addition, one that demonstrates how progress can be achieved and what it may look like.

In Korea, the 2020 update notes that a new South Korean Government has begun the process of dismantling river dams and allowing the rivers to flow freely.

Yet progress does come so freely elsewhere: Turkmenistan’s economy has tanked as petroleum and natural gas prices have dropped and dust storms from the Aral Sea have swept up alkaline dust and layered it over parts of the country.

The penultimate chapter, document- ing a trip from Mono Lake to Point Reyes, ties many of the issues together. What is happening in disparate countries across the world is also happening in California. And everywhere, grassroots campaigns are being led by individuals that demand that harmful change be undone.

Look for the Carles’ book locally at the Bookstore in Mammoth or at Spellbound Books in Bishop.
TOWN STUFF

Sept. 11-12/
Drive-in movie nights @ the Tri-County Fairgrounds. Gates open 7 p.m. $20/car.

Sept. 11-13/
6th annual June Lake Jam Fest is virtual this year. For details, visit www.junelakejamfest.org.

Monday, September 14/
Mono County Public Health Covid-19 Testing @ Mammoth Lakes Community Center, 1000 Forest Trail. Time: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Testing is limited to 75 tests per day, arrive no later than 12:45 p.m. Mammoth Lakes Chamber of Commerce hosts a Lodging Round Table via Zoom. Time: 10 a.m.


Bishop City Council meets virtually. 6 p.m. Log on via the town website (and also to view the agenda) at http://www.cityofbishop.com/government/city-council

Sept. 14-15/
Bishop Community Blood Drive. 10-6 on the 14th and 8-2 on the 15th. Location: Elks Lodge. 151 E. Line St. in Bishop. Make an appt. by calling 866.985.0598 or visit bloodhero.com, sponsor code Bishop.

Tuesday, September 15/
Verily Project Baseline Covid-19 Testing @ Sierra Nevada Resort. Sign up for a time slot at https://www.projectbaseline.com/study/covid-19.

Mono County Supervisors meet. 9 a.m. via Zoom. Visit www.monoounty.ca.gov to access.

Inyo County Supervisors meet via Zoom. Time: 10 a.m. Access directly at https://zoom.us/j/8682547811 or log on via the county website. *Generic password email is donotreply@inyocounty.us.

Wednesday, September 16/
The New Normal: Coping With A Covid World. Seminar conducted by Mono County Behavioral Health. 5:30-6:30 p.m. Viewing https://monocounty.zoom.us/j/99456162274.

Mammoth Lakes Town Council meets. 5 p.m. Public viewing available through Granicus.

MAMMOTH LIQUOR

Beer lovers’ candy store
Selection of more than 300 beers TO COMBAT THE CRAZY WORLD OF ARTHUR BROWN... STOCK UP HERE!

Mammoth Lakes Film Festival is happening virtually this year. Lots of films, post-screening Q & A’s, special events, more. Info: www.mammothlakesfilmfestival.com or see related story and film review p. 17.

Thursday, September 17/
Sustainable Recreation and Tourism Initiative virtual meeting. 5:30-7 p.m.

Mono County Public Health Covid-19 Testing @ Mammoth Lakes Community Center, 1000 Forest Trail. Time: 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Testing is limited to 75 tests per day, arrive no later than 12:45 p.m.

Covid-19 Community Conversation hosted by Mono and Mammoth officials. English: 5:30 p.m., Spanish: 6:30 p.m. Visit https://coronavirus.monocounty.ca.gov for the Zoom link. The previously scheduled Mono County Planning Commission meeting has been canceled.

Saturday, Sept. 19/

Free Covid-19 Testing in Bishop every Monday, Wednesday, Friday @ Church of the Nazarene, 8 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.

Walk up Census stations now available at Mammoth Lakes Library! The Mammoth Lakes Library at 400 Sierra Park Road has set up stations that you can use to complete your household’s Census online before the deadline of September 30th. Stop by between 10 and 7 Monday through Friday, or between 10 and 5 on Saturday. No appointment necessary.

The Cast Off is open on Tuesday and Saturdays only due to Covid-19 restrictions. No book drop offs when closed.

Vons offers two hours of shopping Monday-Thursday from 7-9 a.m. for those shoppers who may be virus-vulnerable.
The Town of Mammoth Lakes will receive sealed bids for the work shown on the plans entitled:

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Ball will be received at the Office of the Town Clerk of the Town of Mammoth Lakes located at 437 Old Mammoth Road, Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546 through 2:00 p.m. on Monday, September 21, 2020 at which time they will be publicly opened and read.

Proposed forms and Contract Documents for this work are available from Mammoth Lakes, CA. 93546

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: Project includes the construction of the Town's Community Recreation Center. The new 48,000 sf multi-use facility will be located at the Mammoth Creek Park at 606 Old Mammoth Road, Mammoth Lakes, CA. The facility will be used for skating, indoor tennis, indoor soccer and could also be used for community events.

The Town of Mammoth Lakes will be the owner of the project. The Town reserves the right to accept any or all of the bids submitted and to reject any or all of the proposals from bidders, and to waive any informalities or irregularities in the proposals. The Town will be the sole judge as to the acceptability of bids.

This bid is subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by the Director of the California Department of Industrial Relations.

Pursuant to Section 1772 of the Labor Code, the Town reserves the right to require the successful bidder, and all subcontractors, of any tier, to be bonded each equal to 100% of the bid amount.

Each successful bidder at the job site, the Bidder, and its subcontractors, of any tier, shall demonstrate their qualifications by having adequate evidence of performance, experience, professional competence, and ability to perform the work. The Town will be the sole judge as to the qualifications of each bidder.

The Director of Industrial Relations has determined the general prevailing rate of per diem wages in the locality in which this work is to be executed for each craft or type of work shown on the plans. In accordance with Sections 20166 and 20167 of Labor Code, the Town reserves the right to withhold by the Town to ensure performance under the Contract, the employment of apprentices, the payment of prevailing rates of wages, and all subcontractor(s) under him/her, shall comply with all applicable laws.

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All information concerning redemption of tax-defaulted property will be furnished, upon request, by the Mono County Treasurer, 437 Old Mammoth Road, Suite 230, Mammoth Lakes, CA. 93546 (760) 965-3652. Plans and specifications will be available for a NONREFUNDABLE FUNDABLE FEE as listed below:

Plans and specifications may be obtained for a NONREFUNDABLE FEE as listed below:

PROPERTY TAX DEFAULT (DELINQUENT) LIST 33731 and 33732

I, Janet Dancik, Mono County Tax Collector, State of California, certify that:

This business is conducted by a Corporation.

This business is conducted by Husband and Wife.

This business is conducted by Husband and Wife. The registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Mono County on August 21, 2020.

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This business is conducted by a Corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on May 1996. This business is conducted by Husband and Wife. The registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Mono County on August 21, 2020.

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The Laurel

Lucy & Marc Margulies

1353 Clear Creek Road, P.O. Box 2695
Mammoth Lakes, Ca. 93546

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ANY person convicted of an infraction under the provi-
sions of this Code shall be subject to the following fine schedule listed below:

- A fine of $100.00 for a first violation;
- A fine of $200.00 for a second violation (other than a building and safety code provision) within one year, and five hundred dollars for a third violation (other than a building and safety code provision);
- C. Five hundred dollars for each additional violation of the same provision (other than a building and safety code provision) within one year, and one thousand dollars for a subsequent violation of the same provision.

SECTION 4: REMAINING OF MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 1.12.010

- Chapter 1.16 of the Mammoth Lakes Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

- Section 1.12.020 of the Mammoth Lakes Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

- Town officers authorized to issue notice to appear.

- Pursuant to Penal Code Sections 873.5 and 896.5, officers or employees of the Town are authorized to issue notices to appear, subject to the limitations hereinafter provided, where there is reasonable cause to believe that the person cited has violated a statute, ordinance, or order which such officer or employee has the designee has, duty or authority to enforce.

- Section 6: Declaration of Urgency and Effective Date

The Town Council hereby finds, determines, and declares that the urgency ordinance is necessary to preserve the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety by facilitating the enforcement of Health Officer orders issued under California Health and Safety Code Section 12000 et seq. (or any other applicable statute or ordinance) which are intended to take effect immediately as an emergency ordinance, and that it is necessary for the public peace, health, and safety of the Town to have such ordinance become effective immediately.

The Town Council hereby enacts this urgency ordinance by a four-fifths (4/5) vote, and in light of the findings set forth herein, under the authority granted to it by Section 36937(a) of the California Government Code, which allows the Town to adopt an urgency ordinance, in order to protect the public peace, health, or safety.

Section 7: Authority for Adoption

If any provision of this ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of this ordinance, and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared to be severable.

PASSED AND ADOPTED, and ADOPTED this 2nd day of September, 2020, by the following vote, to wit:

AYES: Supervisors Corliss, Gardner, Kretz, and Peters.  NOES: None. ABSTAIN: None.

Stacy Corliss, Chair Mono County Board of Supervisors ATTEST: Queenie Barnard Clerk of the Board APPROVED AS TO FORM: Stacey Simon County Counsel TS #2020-0155

PERSONAL

I saw you ... I was excited about the NFL season starting this week. By the way, are you a football fan? I hope there won’t be any forward Covid passes. The penalty for this infraction is sideline quarantine with Booger MacFarland. I saw you ... no longer wish to donate land for the National Wounded Warrar Center. Which is a little disappointing, seeing as those vets were willing to donate blood for you. I saw you ... got kicked off the US Open for hitting a linesperson with a ball. Seems unfair. Now if you had hit her with both balls.
HuskyFest 2020

Day of Golf at Sierra Star - Fundraiser

We Desperately Need Your Help During These Troubling Times To Survive!!!!

Help Us Raise Much Needed Funds To Support
Mammoth High School Football, Boys Basketball and Girls Basketball,
as well as Cross Country, Volleyball, Softball, Girls Soccer and Band

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Marty Thompson 760-965-6257    Martin Ezidro 760-914-2931
Dave Schacht 760-924-2200 – Sierra Star Golf Pro / Stud